AND FORESTS (SHRI BABLU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) As per provisions of National Forest Policy, 1999 Government of India had issued guidelines to the State Governments on June 1, 1990 for involving village communities in the regeneration and protection of degraded forest lands under Joint Forest Management (JFM) programme. After a review of JFM activities, the Union Government had issued fresh guidelines on February 21, 2000 to further strengthen the programme. As reported by various State Governments 10.249 million ha. of forest area is being managed under JFM programme in 22 states of the country. The JFM programme is being implemented by various state governments and the villages/forest area to be covered under this programme is selected based on the condition of the forests and response of the local communities. People's participation is mandatory in all the afforestation schemes of the government and the funds are provided through State Forest Departments for afforestation activities. The progress of work is monitored by Government of India through independent agencies.

Development of Sanctuaries in Gujarat

3435. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has submitted schemes for development and maintenance of sanctuaries, natural parks and forest reserves;

(b) if so, the details of schemes approved during 1999-2000; and

(c) the details of schemes not given clearance, indicating their cost and the Centre's contribution therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Against tentative allocation of Rs. 80.00 lakhs under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries" during 1999-2000, proposals for providing central assistance of Rs.107 lakhs were received form the Government of Gujarat.

(b) During 1999-2000 under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries"'. following funds were released to the Government of Gujarat.

Sl.No.	Name of National parks/ Sanctuaries	Funds released (Rupees in lakhs)
1.	Wild Ass	2.21
2.	Kutch Desert	1.30

Sl.No.	Name of National parks/ Sanctuaries	Funds released (Rupees in lakhs)
3.	Shoolpaneshwar	7.90
4.	Narayan Sarovar	4.00
5.	Barda	2.45
6.	Pania	4.24
	Total	22.10

In addition to this, Rs. 18.00 lakhs were released under Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Modern Forest Fire Control Method" during the year 1999-2000 (c) Schemes for Velvedar, Marine and Nalla Sarovar National Parks and Purnia, Jessor and Rattan Mahal Wildlife Sanctuaries were not given clearance because of non-receipt of utilisation certificate from the Government of Gujarat, for the funds released in the past.

Budget allocations by the Ministry of Environment and Forests

†3436. SHRI VIKRAM VERMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the scheme-wise provision for budget allocations by his Ministry, the norms on the basis of which the above budgetary funds are allocated to States:

(b) whether the budget allocations are made keeping in view the illegal forest areas in different States; and

(c) if so, the scheme-wise percentage of allocation made to various States, including Panchayats, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) The Plan allocation of the Ministry for 2000-2001 is Rs. 850 crore. Scheme-wise details are given in the Statement (*See* below). Allocation to the States are made on the basis of proposals received, recorded forest areas, geographical area and past performance of the States.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.